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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Christopher Swickhamer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed 03/18/04. The Examiner **does not** approve the changes to the drawings or the specification. Claim 8 has been cancelled. Claims 1-7 and 9-14 have been amended. Claims 1-7 and 9-17 are pending.
2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Drawings

3. The drawing changes filed 03/18/04 have not been approved. The added multiplexer ('MUX') and processor ('PROCESSOR') in figures 3C, 3D, 4A and 4B constitute new matter, as the specification does not support these changes. The Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review accompanying this action corresponds to the **originally** filed drawings. New formal drawings must be submitted corresponding to the **originally** filed drawings.

Specification

4. The amendment filed 03/18/04 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no

amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

- On page 3 in the remarks section, the amendment modifies the paragraph beginning on page 19, at line 18 and continuing to page 20, line 2 of the instant application. The amendments to this paragraph correspond to the drawing changes objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Objections

5. In claim 1, line 18, "the originator exchange" should be replaced with -- an originator exchange -- to correct the lack of antecedent basis of the limitation.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are allowable since independent claims 1, 11 and 14 have incorporated the subject matter from claim 8. Claim 8 was objected to for depending from a rejected claim, but was indicated to be allowable in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 3).

Conclusion

7. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.


A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Swickhamer whose telephone number is (703) 306-4820. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30 M-F, off alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (703) 305-4744. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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